

Grade 2

During the 2020–2021 school year, 668,377 second graders read about 47 print books and 67,419 words each. Overall, 18% of these books were read to kids, 9% were read with kids, and 73% were read independently. Nearly 400,000 second graders spent time reading digitally.

New and Now Reads

Newly discovered titles offer fresh reading options for students searching for that next great read. Students read and quizzed on these books for the first time in Fall 2021.

- **Cat Kid Comic Club**
Dav Pilkey (2.9, MG, 520L)
- **Superbuns! Kindness Is Her Superpower**
Diane Kredensor (2.5, LG, 530L)
- **T-Bone the Drone**
Shandra McCloskey (2.1, LG, 480L)
- **I Am Perfectly Designed**
Karamo Brown (2.2, LG)
- **Mae Jemison: Doctor, Scientist, and Astronaut** **NF**
Rachel Rose (2.1, LG, 460L)

Top Print Titles

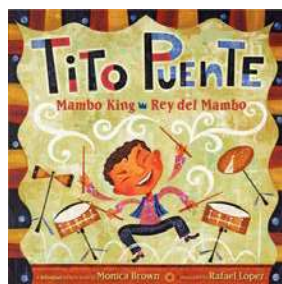
- 1 **Dr. Seuss Collection** **SP**
Dr. Seuss (0.6–5.2, LG, 180L–1000L)
- 2 **The Bad Seed**
Jory John (2.0, LG, 390L)
- 3 **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** **SP**
Eric Carle (2.9, LG, 460L)
- 4 **Click, Clack... Series** **SP**
Doreen Cronin (1.0–2.7, LG, 290L–490L)
- 5 **If You Give... Series** **SP**
Laura Numeroff (1.0–2.7, LG, 170L–590L)
- 6 **Pete the Cat Series**
James Dean (1.2–4.3, LG, 160L–640L)
- 7 **There Was an Old Lady... Series** **SP**
Lucille Colandro (2.1–3.8, LG, 240L–540L)
- 8 **A Bad Case of Stripes** **SP**
David Shannon (3.8, LG, 610L)
- 9 **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs** **SP**
Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG, 510L)
- 10 **Dog Man Series** **SP**
Dav Pilkey (2.3–2.7, LG, 280L–390L)

Popular Digital Books

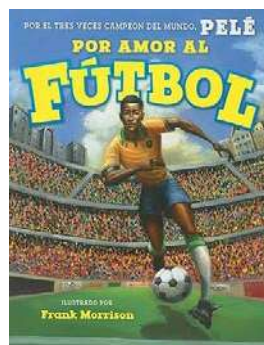
- 1 **Zeke Meeks vs the Horrifying TV-Turnoff Week**
D.L. Green (3.3, LG, 490L)
- 2 **The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane**
Nikki Shannon Smith (3.5, LG, 610L)
- 3 **Trust Me, Hansel and Gretel Are Sweet!** **NF**
Nancy Loewen (3.0, LG, 580L)
- 4 **Germ!**
Alan MacDonald (3.1, LG, 460L)
- 5 **Pacho Nacho**
Silvia López (3.1, LG, 530L)
- 6 **Monster Maze!: A Monster Truck Myth**
Blake Hoena (3.8, LG, 660L)
- 7 **Zoo Hideout: Hidden Picture Puzzles** **NF**
Jill Kalz
- 8 **Coco**
Disney Book Group (550L)
- 9 **Cinderella: A Favorite Story in Rhythm and Rhyme**
Susan Sandvig Walker (2.7, LG, 400L)
- 10 **Ariel's Royal Wedding**
Disney Book Group (660L)

Authentic Spanish Titles

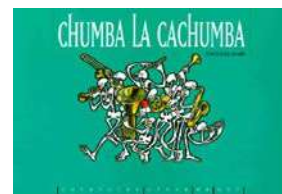
Authentic Spanish texts written for native speakers help students make real-life connections, develop deeper vocabulary and linguistic understanding, and grow cultural appreciation.



Tito Punte, rey del mambo **NF SP**
Monica Brown
(3.7, LG, 760L)



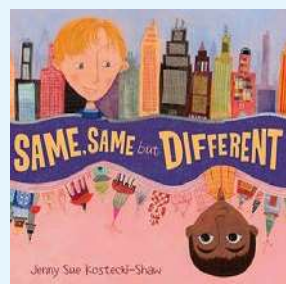
Por amor al fútbol **NF SP**
Pelé (3.7, LG)



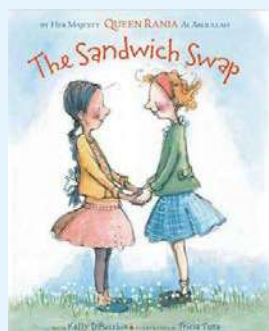
Chumba la cachumba **SP**
Elena Iribarren
(3.8, LG, 980L)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Themes

Each of us is a unique blend of characteristics and traits that matter implicitly. Consider these titles to begin conversations about our diverse makeup and how inclusion allows us all to thrive.



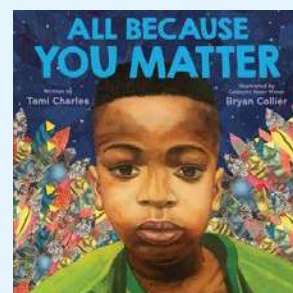
Same, Same but Different
Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw
(1.9, LG, 460L)



The Sandwich Swap
Queen Rania Al Abdullah
(2.9, LG, 570L)



The Magical Yet
Angela DiTerlizzi (3.2, LG)



All Because You Matter
Tami Charles
(3.9, LG, 810L)

Social and Emotional Learning Topics

Safe and healthy communities exist when people accept themselves as well as understand and care for those around them. The following titles cover topics that may support social and emotional learning.



Create a Custom Report

Use *What Kids Are Reading* data to create custom lists for individual students or groups. Filter by state, grade, reading level, and more.